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A. [REDACTED]

1. Propaganda activities continue with new newspapers, radio and TV sources and outlets being employed each day.

2. [REDACTED]

3. [REDACTED]

4. Important Caracas daily carried interview with acting President of Christian Democratic Party of Venezuela, COPEI, in which he quoted as opposed to PDC-Chile attempts to make a deal with Allende.

6. [REDACTED]

7. Station suggested Task Force officer contact [REDACTED] to persuade him to apply some pressures to PDC-Chile.

B. Accomplishments:

The major accomplishment under Track I continues to be the high level of propaganda materials being generated [REDACTED]. New assets are being directed to Santiago with specialized entre into journalist organizations. Important Christian Democratic parties [REDACTED] are showing more concern about the efforts of PDC-Chile to negotiate with Allende.

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C. Situation:

Efforts to bring about a parliamentary solution through the "let's-elect-you-and-you-resign" gambit have, essentially been abandoned. Alessandri appears to be willing to open negotiations with the Allendistas and Frei is talking and acting more like a coup plotter than a constitutional maneuverer. As behind-the-scenes conversations among the military increase the propaganda impact generated originally under the ground rules of Track I, now begins to have more importance in Track II. If the intensity of the propaganda continues, or, indeed, increases as the result of the arrival of the assets the Stations have been directing to Santiago, Frei just might feel that he has sufficient world-wide sympathy for encouraging the military to act.

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